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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

January 14, 2013

Commissioners Present: Phil Bunick, Wes Shorts

Staff Liaisons: Marina Rodriguez, VSS and Alan Slobodien, VYS

Absent: Ginny Gingras, Judy Hany, Bill Fox

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Approval of Minutes

- The draft minutes of November 19, 2012 were approved
- The draft minutes of December 17, 2012 will be available at the next regular meeting

Communications & Correspondence

- Correspondence from the Town Clerk was received requesting to file the 2013 meeting calendar. The form was completed and will be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

Efforts to fill vacancies

- Deanna Chvatal has been nominated to the Commission and is on the Town Council agenda for approval at its meeting tomorrow, January 15th.

Human Services Budget 2012-13

Commissioners received their budget notebooks Friday and were able to review the grant applications. Agreement was reached to interview three applicants: Hockanum Valley Community Council which is the largest request, Community Child Guidance Clinic which uses the grant funds as the payer of last resort, and Tri-County ARC which has just completed its first full year of operations in Vernon. Interviews were scheduled for Saturday January 19, 2013 at Youth Services, 9 Elm St. as follows:

Hockanum Valley Comm. Council 8:30 – 9:10

Comm. Child Guidance Clinic 9:10 – 9:50

Tri County ARC 9:50 – 10:30

Interviews would not be necessary with the others.

After interviews are concluded on Saturday, the Commission will deliberate on each application and vote on funding recommendations to the Mayor.

Applicants will be notified tomorrow about the final decision on interviews.

There was discussion in regards to the way the Commission funds applications to consider being the payer of last resort for clinical services for individuals not covered by insurance. And, to require that applicants explain what the grant amount is paying for in the budget detail sheet.

Meeting with Tri Town Shelter

Chairman Bunick reported on the visit to the shelter.

Commission discussed the formula used to determine the \$4 / bed night. That is the amount per bed night that is not covered by any other funder of the shelter. Vernon is the only municipal funder. Shelter is aware that it must calculate the total amount of its request and submit it to Finance; otherwise, the Commission will do it for them based on utilization by Vernon clients for the past two years.

There being no other business, the Commission adjourned.

Submitted by

Marina Rodriguez